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Local Jottings.

—W. O. Noble has sold his interest in the butcher business to A. C. Ware.

—St. Valentine's Day this year falls on Saturday. That would be a good time for the leap-year party.

—There is some talk of organizing a book and ladder company in this city. We hope it may not end in talk.

—We regret to learn the scarlet fever has broken out again in the Van Worman neighborhood, above Craig.

—John Caton shipped one car load of cattle and one of hogs, from Bigelow Monday evening last.

—There are five Sundays in next month, although in contains only twenty-nine days. This will not occur again until about forty years hence.

—We learn that some farmers have already commenced their spring plowing. The ground is in excellent condition.

—The Christian denomination of this city have employed Elder W. T. Maupin of Illinois as pastor of their church. He will bring his family here in a few days. Welcome!

—The Maryville Republican of last week says: "Eli Perkins lectures in Oregon on to-morrow evening. Look out for a large emigration from that place."

—It is reported that the depot in Whig Valley has been located on the farm of Thomas Swope, about three miles from the present Whig Valley store; and about one mile from Graham.

—The initiatory meeting of the dancing club at Collins' Hall last Friday evening was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all present. The next meeting will be held at the same place on the evening of the 13th of February.

—Every citizen should do his level best to interest the stranger in our midst. Invite him to locate and bring his capital here, keep praising the town, and praise the county, and praise the State.

—Levi Kunkel lost his pocket book in Hickory township on the 21st inst. It contained \$41.50. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning it to the owner or leaving it at the postoffice in Mound City.

—At the head of what are presumed to be its editorial columns (though it never has any editorials) the Mound City News prominently displays the following sentence: "The only paper in Holt County that has the interest of the people at heart." This is silly, impertinent, untruthful and unneeded for.

—At the meeting of the State Horticultural Society in St. Louis last week, a committee appointed to examine into the merits of the fruit tree borer invented by the Murray brothers of this county reported that it was worthy of trial wherever fruit trees were liable to winter freezing. The next annual meeting of the Society will be held at Kansas City.

—Nearly everybody who heard the lecture of Eli Perkins in this city last Saturday night will heartily endorse the following from the Norristown Herald: "Eli Perkins recently told an audience that all great humorists are great liars. After hearing his lecture, his audience were fully convinced that all great humorists are great liars, and all liars are not great humorists."

—As members of the Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian churches have joined the dancing club there are prospects of some lively rakings over the coals in the near future. The SENTINEL, in its capacity as The Great Religious Weekly, sets its face as a flint against all violations of church rules. No one is compelled to join a church; it is a perfectly voluntary act; but, having done so, he or she should always obey its rules. Dancing, bugging and kissing should all be done in a strictly religious manner. It was the invariable rule of Elder Timmins of Virginia to prefer his requests for osculatory favors in the following form: "Sister Jones, kiss Brother Timmins for Christ's sake!"

—We want first, last and all the time local news—news of new enterprises, of changes, of accidents, of the arrival or departure of well known persons, of social gatherings, of church doings, political movements, etc. We want to know who is married and by whom, who leaves the world and when. We cannot be weary here at once to learn of all these things, and, therefore, persons desirous of making their county paper a credit to them, will do a favor by handing in to us items themselves personally, by postal card, or by a small box with one suspender and torn pantaloons, or in any other way by which it will reach us. We shall never be found wanting in the endeavor to do our utmost to make our paper a complete representative of Holt County, and to do it the aid of all our friends is very necessary. Send in your items.

—Here is another piece of ancient weather wisdom applicable to the present year. It is from "The Husbandman's Practice; or, Propagations for Ever, as teacheth Albert, Alkind, Haly and Ptolemy," a rare old book published in 1685. This particular prognostication is from the day of the week on which Christmas falls: "If it fall on Thursday the winter shall be very good with rain; the Lent windy, a very good summer and a misty harvest, with rain and cold; and there shall be much corn, fruit and all things shall abound on earth, and wine with oil, and tallow shall be plenty, but yet very little honey." The allusion to wine and oil suggests a Continental or Eastern origin for this saw; but wherever it came from the mild and rainy weather has made a good start towards its fulfillment.

—County court meets next Monday.

—Next Monday (February 2) is ground-hog day.

—Adams of the East Forest Mills has received a grain cleaner for his elevator.

—The work on the Y. at Bigelow is completed. The work on the entire branch is progressing favorably.

—The people of Corning are improving the roads leading from that place east by hauling bluff dirt on them.

—The Western Union Telegraph company finished putting up a fourth wire on their lines from St. Joseph to Council Bluffs on Sunday last.

—Died, at his home two miles northwest of New Point on January 23, 1880, of bronchitis, Jacob Ham, in the eightieth year of his age.

—Dr. H. M. Wilson and Allen Wood of Forest City have each received a fine yearling full blood short horn bull from James M. Clay of Clinton county.

—Capt. Lucas has just received a large weighing scale for his rapidly increasing grain business. It will be put up near Demuth's foundry in Forest City.

—There will be preaching in the Presbyterian Church every night next week, beginning on Sabbath morning. Mr. Miller expects Mr. McKinlay to assist in the services.

—We learn that the new Bank at Mound City, to which our correspondents allude this week, will be called the Holt County Bank, and will start with the following board of directors: Robert Montgomery and Albert Roecker of Oregon; Hugh Montgomery, late of St. Joseph; and William Hobbittell and W. M. Hamsher of Mound City. Hugh Montgomery, the cashier, is a brother of Robert Montgomery of this city, and is a gentleman of excellent character, besides being well versed in the banking business. We wish the new enterprise great success.

—We again remind our readers that the Teachers' Institute meets to-morrow in the public school building in this city. A large attendance of teachers and friends of the schools is confidently expected.

—W. W. Simpkins was put in jail on Sunday night last for burglarizing James Crook's restaurant at Bigelow last Saturday night. The amount of money taken was \$7.50. A saloon clerk who took with the money led to his detection, which shows that such cliques are of some use sometimes.

—Last Saturday night an individual who had imbibed too much of the argument of the Eli Perkins lecture, made his bed in the road not far from the residence of Ira Peter, where he soundly slept until he was awakened Sunday morning by the sun shining in his eyes. It is a wonder he did not freeze to death.

—The penalties for obstructing census-takers, who begin their labors on the first Monday in June, are severe. The law says: All persons above the age of 21 years who shall refuse to furnish the information required by the supervisor or enumerator shall forfeit a fine of not exceeding \$100, to be recovered in an action of debt. Presidents, directors or other officials of private corporations who refuse to furnish information required of them, are made liable to a penalty not to exceed \$100.00.

—Young men on limited salaries and still more limited credit should be careful how they practice their little games on the fair sex. A youthful Oregonian who answers to the above description came to grief Christmas Day by presenting the idol of his heart with a pair of solitary earrings wrapped up in a dollar store advertisement. He says it was merely an accident, but she sent the jewelry back and won't speak to him on the street.

—A farm house belonging to Henry Rosell, one and a half miles south of Corning, was burnt to the ground about 4 o'clock on the morning of the 24th inst. The house was used for the purpose of storing farming machinery during the winter, and contained three or four hundred dollars worth of various kinds of implements, all of which were destroyed. The loss is estimated at near \$1000, with no insurance. The fire was doubtless the work of an incendiary, but no clue to the perpetrator of the deed has yet been found.

—The following are Tice's weather predictions for February: 1st to 4th evening and threatening weather with rain or snow storms; 4th to 6th, fair weather; 7th to 11th, clouding, threatening weather with rain and snow storms; 11th to 12th, clear or fair; 12th to 17th, clouding threatening weather with local storms; 16th to 18th, clear or fair; 18th to 22d, clouding threatening weather, with heavy rains and severe storms in places; 22d to 24th, clear or fair; 24th the 28th, clouding, with rain or snow storms; 28th to 29th, clear or fair. The warm or spells are about 3d, 9th, 13th 20th, and 26th. The colder spells are about 6th, 11th, 16th 22d, and 28th.

—The best almanac for farmers which has been brought to our notice, is the "Western Farmer's Almanac," published by John P. Morton & Co., Louisville, Ky. In it, aside from the fullest and most accurate data concerning the lapse of time, and the periodical occurrences, forecasts of the weather, are found an innumerable list of well written articles and practical hints and recipes of inestimable value on the farm, interspersed with humorous pieces and sparkling witty items, sufficient to while away many happy evenings around the fireside. Its cost is only ten cents, within the means of every farmer, and every farmer should have one and use it. Address as above.

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